

MINUTES AND REPORT

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MEETING OF COUNCIL

CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

held at Yarra Room, Olympic Park, Swan Street, Melbourne

on

Tuesday, 10th August 1982, commencing 5 p.m.

1. PRESENT

Mr. J. N. Black  
Mr. A. Dash  
Mr. E. J. Long  
Mr. B. H. Macintosh  
Mr. J. Mitchell  
Mr. J. Rigby  
Mr. M. Rundle  
Mr. O. J. Slattery  
Mr. W. W. Rawlinson  
Mr. B. Greer

Chairman

Executive Officer  
Employment Co-operatives  
Development Adviser

Apologies for absence from meeting:

Mr. A. Gill  
Mr. G. J. Simm

2.

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Rigby to the first meeting of the Council following his election at the Annual General Meeting to the Council.

The meeting congratulated Mr. Black and Mr. Slattery on their re-election to the Council.

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MINUTES

Minutes of the Council meeting held 19th July 1982, having been circulated, were confirmed and adopted as a correct record of that meeting.

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MATTERS ARISING

Minute 4.v Office Premises Lease

Advice of acceptance of renewal of lease proposals  
given to Security Co-operative Permanent Building  
Society.

Minute 6

Financial

End of year accounts tabulated as required and audited  
report issued in this form.

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Minute 9.ii Report from Council to Employment Co-operatives

Report from July meeting circulated to Work Co-operative members dated 27th July 1982.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

From Bumford, Walter and Johnson, Hobart - seeking advice on formation of a Fisheries Co-operative in Tasmania.

6. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Received from

Goldfields Community Radio Co-operative Ltd.,  
together with Rules and affiliation dues.  
After due consideration

*Council welcomed this Co-operative into membership of the Federation with dues paid to 30th June 1983.*

7. FINANCIAL

7.i  
Council noted that the audited financial report for the year ending 30th June 1982 had been adopted by members in the Annual General Meeting.

7.ii  
Council considered the budget of income and expenditure for the year ending 30th June 1983 and the relevance of the future of the agreement with the Co-operative Federation of Australia on shared use of resources. It was accepted that last year's rate of subscriptions continued into the current financial year will produce a deficit.

Council agreed

*a sub-committee comprising Messrs. Slattery, Long and Rawlinson be convened to consider the basis of adjusted subscription income to produce a viable Federation in the current year. The Committee to meet before 20th August 1982 and its recommendations to be circulated to all Council members.*

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

After due process of election the following Councillors were declared elected to the offices shown -

President  
Vice President  
Secretary

Mr. J. N. Black  
Mr. O. J. Slattery  
Mr. W. W. Rawlinson

Representatives to Council,  
Co-operative Federation of  
Australia -

Mr. Black, Mr. Macintosh

Alternates to above -

Mr. Slattery, Mr. Long

The Council agreed

*to discontinue the office of Honorary Treasurer.  
Council recorded its appreciation to  
Mr. Slattery for his contribution to the Steering  
Committee of the Co-operative Federation of  
Australia.*

9. 1982 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Council agreed

(1) *that for future Annual General Meetings copies of  
the audited accounts be circulated to members  
prior to the meeting date;*

(2) *to study possible funding sources such as Myer  
Foundation for preparation and publication of  
Directors' Manuals;*

(3) *the present practice of the Advisory Council  
relating to authorisation of Government Guarantees  
under Section 219 of the Co-operation Act 1981 be  
reviewed.*

Council recorded its appreciation to the organisers and the Chairman of the Conference and associated meetings.

10. LEGISLATION

The Legislation Committee met with the Registry legal staff to check the proposed Rules prior to submission to the formation meeting.

The Committee subsequently met to consider proposals for 8 amendments to the Co-operation Act for submission to the Minister's Legislative Review Committee. As one of these involves consultation with the Employment Co-operative, members of the Committee will submit recommendations to the September meeting of Council.

11. REPORTS

11.i Advisory Council

No meeting held since last Federation Council meeting.  
Next meeting scheduled for 19th August 1982.

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11.ii Community Employment Co-operative Development Programme

In the absence of Mr. Gill and current pending matters, Mr. Greer sought permission to defer his report. Granted.

11.iii Co-operative Federation of Australia

In response to the request from the Co-operative Federation of Victoria the next meeting of this Council has been called for 20th August in Melbourne. Mr. Hunter, who retired from the Presidency and the Council on 30th June 1982, has been invited to attend.

Victoria will be represented by Messrs. Black, Macintosh and Slattery (as a member of the Steering Committee).

11.iv Executive Officer

Mr. Rawlinson reported the 'Co-operatives in Schools' committee met on 27th July 1982.

A concept proposal for funding from the T.A.F.E. Transition Programme for a person to be employed full-time for 12 months to prepare material and check schools and colleges willing to undertake pilot projects has been submitted to the T.A.F.E. Board. The project will be managed by a special unit in T.A.F.E. with full consultation with the Co-operative Federation of Victoria.

He will be meeting with the Co-operative Federation of Western Australia in Perth on 12th August 1982.

He will be addressing a seminar on Work Co-operatives organised by the Vocational Orientation Centre on Monday, 16th August.

He will be meeting the Minister of Agriculture with the Federation deputation on 17th August.

He will attend a meeting of the Co-operative Societies Advisory Council on 19th August.

He will be organising and participating in a meeting of the Council, Co-operative Federation of Australia, on 20th August.

He will be presenting a paper to senior officers of the Department of Agriculture on 3rd September 1982.

12. REGIONAL MEETING

Council agreed

a Regional meeting be organised in Shepparton on Wednesday, 6th October 1982, commencing 6 p.m.

*with a meal from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m., followed by a meeting on the same lines as previous regional meetings held in 1982.*

13.

APPRECIATION

The Chairman expressed his appreciation for the support and involvement by Councillors in the meetings associated with the Annual Conference.

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NEXT MEETING

This was set for Monday, 20th September 1982, to be preceded by an inspection visit to Open Channel Co-operative from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

15.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 6.45 p.m.

*Michael 20.9.82*